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SUBJECT: RETENTION OF MIDEASTFOR AT BAHRAIN

REF: STATE 161678, TEHRAN 6630

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REVIEW OF REFTELS AND YOUR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE GAINED BY PURSUING THIS QUESTION WITH GOI. ALTHOUGH WE ARE WELL AWARE OF GENERAL IRANIAN POLICY ON "FOREIGN BASES" IN THE REGION, IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US HOW GOI FEELS SPECIFICALLY ABOUT MIDEASTFOR AND ESPECIALLY WHETHER IT WOULD WISH TO SEE A TERMINAL DATE FIXED FOR ITS DEPARTURE FROM BAHRAIN. PURPOSE OF OUR PROPOSED SOUNDING WITH KHALATBARY, PRIOR TO HIS TRAVEL TO JIDDA CONFERENCE, WAS TO SMOKE OUT GOI VIEW AND TO GET ITS SUPPORT WITH THE BAHRAINIS IF THAT WERE CONSISTENT WITH IRANIAN VIEW. LEAVE IT UP TO YOU, IF MATTER IS WORTH PURSUING AT ALL WITH GOI, IS WHAT LEVEL THAT SHOULD BE DONE. YOUR FRANK ASSESSMENT AND ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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